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Dear All,

We feel urgency in updating you about some recent issues which happened in the campus. As you may know, the staff of Radio FTII, Mr. Sanjay Chandekar has formed a forum 'Save FTII' along with another staff of sound department Viswas Nerlekar and two other Ex-officials of FTII and held a press conference outside the campus accusing the striking students of FTII as anarchists. Also, they stated in the press conference that there are students in the campus who are not on strike which is completely false.

We would like to emphasis on one thing that the above mentioned staffs held the press conference without consulting the staff association of FTII, neither did they take permission from any authorities of the institute. So we strongly felt the need of clarification from the particular staff, about them representing the staff community of FTII, without any official permission and the allegations they made in their press conference. So, seven students went and met him at his office space for the purpose of clarification for which we have enough evidence with us. Unfortunately, he turned into complaining to the Director that he was harassed by the students and he also informed the police about it. Following to this, there was a press conference happened in the campus in which both the above mentioned staffs made it clear that they weren't threatened by the students. But, after that things turned so dramatically in such a way that an FIR got filed against 13 students in the campus overnight.

Today, four police vans came to the campus carrying policemen including Pune City Police Commissioner as part of the enquiry and now they are creating an atmosphere of fear and vulnerability among the students by sending policemen to the campus thrice a day. We are wondering how a complaint from the staff turned into an FIR overnight without any internal enquiry by the FTII Administration. We have already given a letter addressing our director in this regard. Besides, we also have an audio-visual recording of the said incident which clearly shows that we haven't harassed him in anyway.

Joined Commissioner of Police had talked to media that he has received too many complaints from the FTII Administration that the students are indulged in activities like the usage of Narcotic Drugs and hence they would do the needful proceedings that may include a search inside the campus as well.

It is so unfortunate that these sorts of complaints are going against us from inside the campus and we feel threatened in this situation. We feel that it is high time for you to be with us in whatever capacity, as you always did. We hope that you would give public statements from GraFTII's part, in any form, may be in a press conference or a press release by condemning these acts of maligning the image of students and the institute as well.

Thanking You All

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